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TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM: Ben Brancel, Secretary *Ben Brancel*
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SUBJECT: **Update on the Cooperative Interstate Shipment program for meat establishments, and proposed FDA rules implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act**

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REQUESTED ACTION:

At the November 13, 2013 Board meeting, the Division of Food Safety will report on industry participation in the Cooperative Interstate Shipment program, and four rules proposed by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to implement the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The Cooperative Interstate Shipment program allows selected state-licensed meat establishments to sell designated products in interstate commerce. There is currently one establishment operating under this program and at least eight other establishments whose operators have formally asked to participate in the program. The report will describe the multi-step process for an establishment moving from application to acceptance.

The Division of Food Safety will also report on several rules proposed by FDA under the mandate of FSMA. Four separate, but interconnected rules have been proposed. They deal with: 1) Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls, 2) Produce Safety, 3) Foreign Supplier Verification Programs, and 4) Accreditation of 3rd-Party Auditors and Certification Bodies. All four proposed rules are open for public comment. The first two proposed rules will have the greatest impact on Division activities. The report will highlight key requirements of these two proposed rules and major objections that commenters will likely raise.

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